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TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN

SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING, SEPTEMBER  
21, 1976 AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

REF: USUN 3847

1. SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 21, PRO-ROK COSPONSORS DECIDED  
ON WITHDRAWAL OF PRO-ROK ITEM PROVIDED THAT LETTER WITHDRAWING  
PRO-DPRK ITEM WAS DEPOSITED WITH UN SECRETARIAT BEFOREHAND.  
LETTER OF PRO-DPRK WITHDRAWAL WAS DEPOSITED AT 1:00 PM;  
LETTER OF PRO-ROK WITHDRAWAL, SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR ABE OF  
JAPAN ON BEHALF OF PRO-ROK COSPONSORS, WAS DEPOSITED  
AT 3:05 PM. PREDICTABLY, COMMENT AMONG DELEGATES AT  
AFTERNOON OPENING OF 31ST UNGA WAS MOST FAVORABLE REGARDING  
THIS DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY

2. FULL CORE GROUP MET AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AT USUN  
AT 11:00 AM SEPTEMBER 21. AMBASSADOR MOON OF ROK WAS IN CHAIR.

3. AMBASSADOR SHERER REPORTED HIS MEETING EARLIER IN THE  
MORNING WITH AMBASSADOR DATCU OF ROMANIA. DATCU HAD GIVEN  
SHERER A COPY OF LETTER WHICH FOLLOWS WITHDRAWING  
PRO-DPRK ITEM:

QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED IN THE LETTER  
DATED 16TH AUGUST, 1976, MENTIONED IN DOCUMENTS A/31/192  
AND ADD. 1, 2, AND 3, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT  
THE REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN  
THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION ENTITLED "REMOVAL  
OF THE DANGER OF WAR AND MAINTENANCE AND CONSOLIDATION  
OF PEACE IN KOREA AND ACCELERATION OF THE INDEPENDENT AND  
PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA" HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY  
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED)

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SALIM AHMED SALIM  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
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NEW YORK, NY 10017 END QUOTE

4. SHERER CONTINUED THAT DATCU HAD GIVEN HIS WORD THAT LETTER

WOULD BE DELIVERED TO SECRETARY GENERAL AS SOON AS SHERER LET HIM KNOW THAT THE PRO-ROK COSPONSORS HAD AGREED ON WITHDRAWAL ON THEIR ITEM. SHERER SAID THAT DATCU HAD AGAIN EMPHASIZED "HIS DIPLOMAT'S WORD" THAT, ONCE THE PRO-DPRK WITHDRAWAL LETTER WAS DEPOSITED WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL, THERE WOULD BE NO EFFORTS TO REINSCRIBE A PRO-DPRK ITEM, "AT LEAST DURING THIS UNGA". ADDITIONALLY, DATCU HAD SAID THAT, WITH ALGERIA'S AMBASSADOR RAHAL OUT OF TOWN, THE PRO-DPRK COSPONSORS HAD TURNED TO AMBASSADOR SALIM OF TANZANIA TO SUBMIT THE PRO-DPRK WITHDRAWAL, BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S RECOGNIZED ABILITIES AS A DRAFTER AND PARLIAMENTARIAN. SHERER ADDED THAT, ACCORDING TO DATCU, SALIM'S LETTER WAS WITH DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE AWAITING DELIVERY WHEN DATCU SO INSTRUCTED.

5. THE CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES THEN AGREED ON WITHDRAWAL OF THE PRO-ROK ITEM PROVIDED THAT DEPOSIT OF LETTER WOULD BE CLEARLY SUBSEQUENT TO DEPOSIT OF LETTER WITHDRAWING PRO-DPRK ITEM.

6. CORE GROUP NEXT DECIDED IT MORE EXPEDITIOUS TO PROCEED WITH LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL SIGNED BY A SINGLE PRO-ROK COSPONSOR ON BEHALF OF ALL THE COSPONSORS THAN WITH LETTER SIGNED BY EACH OF THE COSPONSORS. AMBASSADOR ABE OF JAPAN READILY AGREED TO PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY AMBASSADOR TEMPLETON OF NEW ZEALAND THAT ABE, AS AN ASIAN REPRESENTATIVE, SIGN ON BEHALF OF ALL THE COSPONSORS. THE FOLLOWING TEXT WAS AGREED UPON:

QUOTE: EXCELLENCY,

ON 20 AUGUST 1976 THE MEMBER STATES LISTED IN U.N. DOCUMENT A/31/194 AND ADD. 1 REQUESTED THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF AN ITEM ENTITLED "NEED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION TOWARDS A CONFIDENTIAL

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PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM AND THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA". HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST BY ANOTHER GROUP OF MEMBER STATES FOR INSCRIPTION OF ANOTHER ITEM CONCERNING KOREA, I HAVE THE HONOR ON BEHALF OF THE CO-SPONSORS TO WITHDRAW OUR EARLIER REQUEST.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ISAO ABE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017 END QUOTE

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7. AT THE 11:30 AM MEETING OF ALL THE PRO-ROK COSPONSORS, 18 OUT OF 20 ASSEMBLED AT USUN. GABON AND HONDURAS WERE ABSENT. GOVERNOR SCRANTON GREETED THOSE PRESENT. WITH ROK IN CHAIR, SHERER THEN RECOUNTED DATCU APPROACH ON WITHDRAWAL OF PRO-DPRK ITEM.

8. AMBASSADOR BARTON SAID THIS WAS A GOOD DEVELOPMENT. HE HOPED THAT THE PRO-ROK COSPONSORS WOULD AGREE TO WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR ITEM. AMBASSADOR GIAMBRUNO OF URUGUAY ASKED THE OPINION OF THE ROK. MOON, IN REPLY, SUPPORTED WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT RESERVATION.

9. THE 18 PRO-ROK COSPONSORS PRESENT THEN AGREED TO WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR ITEM BY MEANS OF THE LETTER ON THEIR BEHALF BY ABE.

10. BEFORE THE MEETING CONCLUDED, MOON THANKED ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT. MOON STRESSED UNCERTAINTY AS TO NORTH KOREAN MOTIVATION AND STRESSED NEED FOR ALERTNESS DURING UNGA AND IN FUTURE. MOON CONTINUED THAT THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE THAT THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TREND IN UN CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN QUESTION, MUCH AS THIS MIGHT BE HOPED FOR. MOON ASKED COSPONSORS NOT TO TAKE WITHDRAWAL AS MEANING THE ROK NO LONGER NEEDED THEIR SUPPORT. MOON SAID HE WOULD MAINTAIN HIS USUAL CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM DURING THE 31ST UNGA.

11. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING, EFFORTS WERE BEGUN TO REACH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF GABON AND HONDURAS TO GET THEIR CONCURRENCE ON WITHDRAWAL. AMBASSADOR ESSONGHE OF GABON AND AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ-ORDONEZ OF HONDURAS WERE BOTH CONTACTED BY USUN AND THEIR CONCURRENCE GAINED.

12. DATCU ACTED, HOWEVER, TO DEPOSIT PRO-DPRK LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL ON SHERER'S ADVICE THAT NEARLY ALL 20 PRO-ROK COSPONSORS HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND THEY SUPPORTED WITHDRAWAL. SCRANTON PERSONALLY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO DATCU FOR TIME AND CARE LATTER HAD DEVOTED TO WITHDRAWAL QUESTION.

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13. AT 1:00 PM, MINISTER KIM HYONG IK OF NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER OFFICE SERVED AS THE MESSENGER DEPOSITING SALIM'S LETTER WITH UN SECRETARIAT. AT 3:05 PM, JAPAN'S MINISTER YAMADA, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ROK'S MINISTER AHN, DEPOSITED ABE'S LETTER WITH SECRETARIAT.

14. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, PRO-DPRK LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL WILL BE CIRCULATED BY SEPTEMBER 22 AS UN DOCUMENT A/31/192 ADD 4, AND PRO-ROK LETTER AS UN DOCUMENT A/31/194 ADD. 2.

15. NEWS OF THE WITHDRAWALS CIRCULATED FAST AT AFTERNOON OPENING OF 31ST UNGA. PREDICABLY COMMENT AMONG DELEGATES WAS MOST FAVORABLE.

16. BOTH ROK OBSERVER OFFICE AND DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE ISSUED PRESS RELEASES DURING AFTERNOON. TEXTS OF THESE SENT SEPTTEL.  
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